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- An oil strike in the East Lake Maracaibo area by Accion Democratica adherents. similar to that of 17 January, was reported to be scheduled for 21 February or shortly thereafter.
- 2. The military has been slerted and all precautions have been taken. 'ilitary investigation disclosed one mobile clandestine radio operating sporadically in the East Lake area.
- 3. Clandestine handbills have appeared criticising the government and stating that the workers have been betrayed by the army and by oil company layoffs.
- 4. Venezuelan oil syndicates deny that they are sponsoring any immediate strike and disclaim all responsibility for the clendestine handbills.

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Comment. The rumors and handbills appeared to be the work of a small nucleus of former Accion Democratica leaders who have not as yet been apprehended. Current opinion in Maracsibo was that the strike would not come off.

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